restructuring and liquidation etc. The report of the Committee is on the website of the Ministry ***w.w.w.dca.nic.in.***

MNCs offices in Bangalore

1390. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many MNCs including foreign companies have set up their offices in Bangalore during the last three years;

(b) whether these MNCs ever approached Government asking for some facilities/concessions for setting up their business conveniently;

(c) what facilities/concession have been extended to them in this regard so far;

(d) whether these companies have expressed their satisfaction with whatever Government have done to help them in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) The details of foreign companies which have established their place of business in Bangalore for the last three years are as under:

2002-2003	17
2003-2004	31
2004-2005	20

Regarding MNCs, there is no specific information as they are not defined under the Companies Act, 1956, Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) or Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA).

(b) to (e) The information is not readily available and will have to be collected.

Action against vanishing companies

1391. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are targeting vanishing companies;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) what is the number of such companies and what is the magnitude of this scam, along with details;

(d) whether Government propose to devise any system to prevent such frauds;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Central Coordination and Monitoring Committee, co-chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Company Affairs and Chairman, SEBI has been set up to look into issues relating to vanishing companies and their promoters and to monitor the progress of action taken against them, Government has taken action against the vanishing companies and their Promoters/Directors by filing prosecutions through the Registrar of Companies under Sections 62, 63, 68 and 628 of the Companies Act, 1956 in respect of 107 companies out of a total of 114 vanishing companies.

In addition, FIRs have also been filed in respect of 100 companies and their Promoters/Directors for the offences punishable under Sections 420,406,403,415,418 & 424 of the Indian Penal Code.

(c) At present 114 companies stand identified as vanishing companies with issue size of approximately Rs. 799.31 crores.

(d) and (e) Besides addressing these concerns through legislation, the Ministry is implementing an e-Governance project under which the identity of authorised directors and professionals is ensured in a secure manner.

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has also amended the SEBI (Disclosure and Investor Protection) Guidelines to enforce higher disclosure requirements pertaining to promoters of companies.

(f) Does not arise.